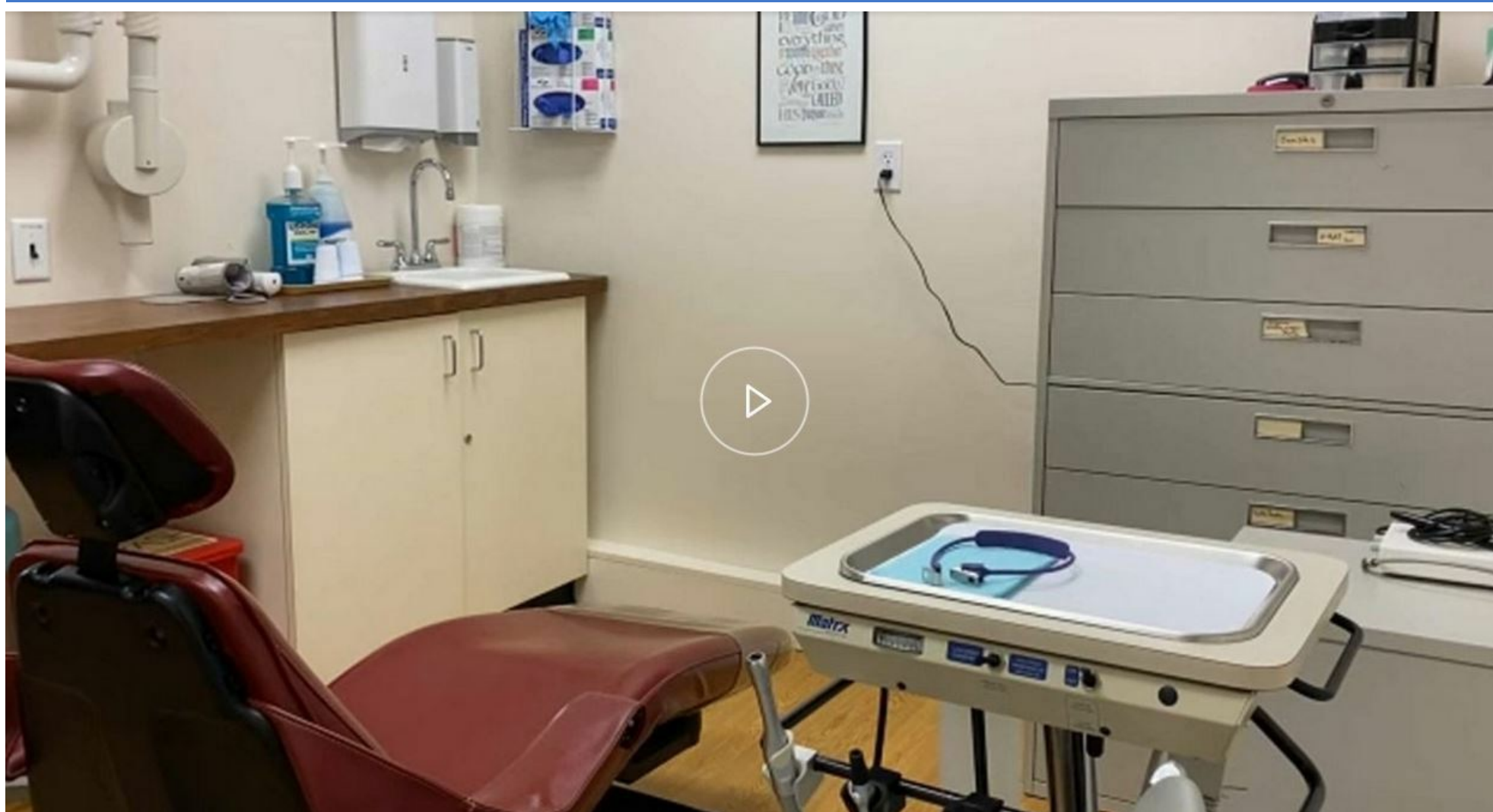


# SDM Shout Out

Weekly News Updates for SDM Faculty, Staff and Students

## SDM and Eighth District Dental Society Partner with Harvest House



What started as a small ministry has evolved into several branches of service that bring important resources to people in Buffalo, including free monthly dental services.

The origin of the word "ministry" is rooted in service, and with a commitment to providing for residents who lack the essential resources they need, Harvest House Ministries is staying true to that original definition.

One of its four branches of ministry, Good Neighbors Health Care, offers a wide variety of services, including a program that allows patients to receive free dental care on the second Saturday of every month. Health Care Coordinator Joycelyn Moss says getting on board couldn't be easier.

"Everyone can come out," said Moss. "No appointments are necessary. We will see our patients on a first-come-first-served basis. All of our services, which are x-rays, fillings, and extractions are free of charge, so no dental insurance is needed. We don't even require an ID; just come as you are."

Resulting from a partnership with the Eighth District Dental Society and the University at Buffalo's School of Dental Medicine, Good Neighbors Dental introduced a program that allows fourth-year dental students from UB to provide complete dental exams, cleanings, extractions, and fillings at no cost to patients.

The program has proven doubly beneficial as students receive person-to-person experience in a learning environment equipped with labeled materials in examination rooms, while underserved neighbors can receive much-needed care for issues that, if not addressed, can take a toll on their overall health and well-being.

"A lot of times when we do get our emergency phone calls, they're from individuals who are unable to sleep at



night, they haven't eaten in several days and these are typically your head of the household individuals, said Moss. "These are our loved ones, these are our parents, these are our sisters and our brothers. That inability to have quality dental care can affect their ability to get to work in the morning."

While many understand the importance of dental health, it doesn't make a visit to the office any less intimidating, and for some, downright fearful. Good Neighbors Dental seeks to provide a different environment. In this faith-based facility, visitors will find scriptures and inspirational quotes on the wall and during operations, staff members will even be present, if needed, for a prayer or a hand to hold. The same attentiveness is given to the actual treatment of patients.

"Our dentists will come on in, we'll review all our x-rays and go from there as far as what the patient's chief concerns are," said Moss. "Help with treatment planning, getting them back in here for any additional needs if there's something that can't be handled in this first visit, and of course, all subsequent visits are free."

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## SDM's 3rd and 4th year students Get to Know New International Dental Students



In early September, SDM's 3rd and 4th year students hosted a Hawaiian theme party to welcome the new class of international dental students to the school! The party was held in the student lounge located in the basement of Squire Hall, UB's South Campus. Manoj Kumar, '22, along with other student volunteers organized the event.

Food, music and great company made for a successful event!

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